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REMARKS

1. On 2 May 1952, the Lieberose (O 52/A 59) troop training grounds was occupied by the following units:

Unit Lieutenant Colonel Shubin (fnu),

The barracks installation on Braunsdorferstrasse in Fuerstenwalde (N 53/V 33) is its permanent station.

Unit Lieutenant Colonel Flatonof (fnu),

The Duelow Kaserne on Fuerstenwalder-Poststrasse in Frankfurt/Oder is its permanent station.

Unit Major Rut (fnu),

The barracks installation on Braunsdorferstrasse in Fuerstenwalde is its permanent station.

Unit Lieutenant Colonel Klimovski (fnu),

The Horn Kaserne on Nuhner Chaussee in Frankfurt/Oder is its permanent station.

Unit Colonel Kazanof (fnu), formerly Major Febuka (fnu),

Frankfurt/Oder is its permanent station.

Unit Lieutenant Colonel Babayef (fnu),

The Ziethen Kaserne on Kopernikusstrasse in Frankfurt/Oder is its permanent quarters.

Unit Lieutenant Colonel Kernikov (fnu),

It is probably stationed in the Ziethen Kaserne, Frankfurt/Oder.

Unit Major Dombrowski (fnu),

It is stationed at the Pioneer Kaserne on Cartenstrasse, Fuerstenwalde.

The Major Bacherok (fnu) Motorcycle Riflemen Unit, which is stationed at the Pioneer Kaserne in Fuerstenwalde.

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An advance detail of the Shukonov Unit, [redacted] allegedly from Beeskow (N 53/V 41). No practices were held until 2 May 1952. \*

2. Prior to 19 April, [redacted] an officers' club had been torn down and was being replaced by seven low buildings, 15 x 7 meters, and a kitchen which had two 100 liter cauldrons, for a motor transport unit. Seven low hospital buildings were also under construction. They were to replace five low structures which previously served as hospitals and were now occupied by troops. Each unit had to construct between 5 and 6 low buildings for its own purposes. Source noted that the number of T-34/85 tanks had decreased as compared to 1951 and that the number of JS tanks had increased substantially. On 15 April, the cooperative shop in Fuerstenberg sent German personnel to the camp on 20 April to open the store there.

3. On 26 April, the Lieberose-Jamlitz Camp was occupied by about 9,000 troops. No unloading or new arrivals were seen during the period from 22 to 26 April. [redacted] The soldiers were chiefly engaged in constructing and reconditioning their quarters. [redacted] Trucks [redacted] continuously hauled building material to the camp. [redacted]

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- \* [redacted] Comment. The officers mentioned in paragraph 1 of the present report belong to units of the 7th Gds Mecz Div. Most of them are probably administrative officers. They are all known from previous reports except for Shukonov (fnu) and Lieutenant Colonel Kernikov (fnu). Specifically, they can be identified with the following units: Lieutenant Colonel Shubin (fnu) with the 26th Gds Mecz Regt in the barracks installation on Braunsdorferstrasse; Lieutenant Colonel Platonov (fnu) with the 25th Gds Mecz Regt in the Buclow Kaserne which had been confirmed [redacted] until 2 May 1952; Major Lut (fnu) with a unit subordinate to the 26th Gds Mecz Regt; Colonel Klimovski (fnu) with the 84th Gds Hvy Tank SP Regt in the Torn Kaserne which was confirmed [redacted] until 2 May 1952; Colonel Kazanov (fnu) with the 57th Gds Tank Regt in the Hindenburg Kaserne [redacted] which confirmed the regiment until 2 May 1952; Lieutenant Colonel Babayev (fnu) with the 288th Gds AAA Regt in the Ziethen Kaserne; Lieutenant Colonel Kernikov (fnu) presumably with the unidentified guards howitzer artillery regiment whose [redacted] which is probably stationed in the Ziethen Kaserne; Major Dombrovski (fnu) possibly with a tank battalion of a mechanized regiment of the 7th Gds Mecz Div stationed in the Pioneer Kaserne; Major Bacherok (fnu) with the 5th Gds Mtrcl Bn in the Pioneer Kaserne; and Shukonov (fnu) probably with the 468th Gds Mort Regt in Beeskow.

- \*\* [redacted] Comment. It appears credible and also approximately corresponds with reports from Frankfurt/Oder and Fuerstenwalde that the arrival of troops at the Lieberose troop training grounds, which were largely occupied by the 7th Gds Mecz Div, was essentially terminated on 22 April 1952. As in 1951 and the preceding years, after arrival the troops are first engaged in reconditioning and furnishing their quarters. It is possible

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that the number of T-34 tanks seen with the division has decreased and the number of JS tanks increased, but it is the first time this observation has been made

Previous reports from military posts had repeatedly created the impression that, as compared with previous observations, the number of JS tanks may have increased in the tank and mechanized divisions.

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